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I. INTRODUCTION

1. By its resolution 46/49 of 12 December 1991 the General Assembly, after taking note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, 1/ reaffirmed full support for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace; reiterated and emphasized its decision to convene the Conference on the Indian Ocean at Colombo, as a necessary step for the implementation of the Declaration; noted with satisfaction the preparatory work done by the Ad Hoc Committee in the implementation of the mandate entrusted to it for the convening of the Conference; decided that the Conference should be structured in more than one stage; and also decided to convene its first stage at Colombo in 1993, or as soon as possible, in accordance with the resolution and in consultation with the host country. It recommended that the participation at the Conference should be at an appropriately high political level and called for the full and active participation in the Conference of the permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users of the Indian Ocean, whose cooperation and participation was essential for the success of the Conference; requested the Secretary-General to appoint the Secretary-General of the Conference at an appropriate time and to make all necessary arrangements, including the provision of financial resources for convening the Conference at Colombo, in consultation with the host country, and all relevant documentation; and further requested the Secretary-General to invite all States to participate in the Conference and other relevant bodies and organizations to attend as observers. It decided that the Ad Hoc Committee would hold a session of five working days in 1992 to perform its preparatory functions for the various stages envisaged for the Conference.

2. Pursuant to resolution 46/49, the Ad Hoc Committee held its session from 18 to 22 May 1992 (see A/AC.159/SR.412-) at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Committee held ___ formal meetings as well as a number of informal meetings during 1992.

3. The Ad Hoc Committee is composed of the following States:

(a) 44 members:

Australia	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Bangladesh	Iraq
Bulgaria	Italy
Canada	Japan
China	Kenya
Djibouti	Liberia
Egypt	Madagascar
Ethiopia	Malaysia
Germany	Maldives
Greece	Mauritius
India	Mozambique
Indonesia	Netherlands

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Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Poland
Romania
Russian Federation
Seychelles
Singapore
Somalia
Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka
Sudan
Thailand
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
United Republic of Tanzania
Yemen
Yugoslavia
Zambia
Zimbabwe

(b) Observer: Sweden

4. The elected officers of the Ad Hoc Committee were the following:

Chairman: Mr. Stanley Kalpage (Sri Lanka)

Vice Chairmen: Mr. Mohammed Jusuf (Indonesia)
Mr. Pedro Comissario Afonso (Mozambique)

Rapporteur: Mr. Noël Rakotondramboa (Madagascar)

II. WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE IN 1992

A. Agenda of the Ad Hoc Committee

5. The following agenda, for the year 1992 (A/AC.159/L.115), was adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee at its 412th meeting, on 18 May 1992:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of Vice-Chairpersons.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/49.
5. Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.
6. Other matters.

B. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/49

6. During _____ formal meetings, from 18 to 22 May (412th- _____ meetings), the Ad Hoc Committee considered ways and means of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/49.

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C. Introduction and adoption of the report of the
Ad Hoc Committee to the General Assembly at its
forty-seventh session

7. At its _____ meeting, on _____ May, the Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee introduced the draft report of the Committee (A/AC.159/L.117).

III. CONCLUSION

8. At its _____ meeting on _____ May, and _____ to _____ meetings on _____ and _____ May 1992, the Ad Hoc Committee considered and adopted the draft report to the General Assembly (A/AC.159/L.117 and Add.1) as orally amended.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session,
Supplement No. 29 (A/46/29 and Corr.1).
